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Security Council

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

3.30 p.m.[1] . . . . . 243rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 73rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/57/634) . . . . . [3 (b)]
2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]
   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2002 (A/57/23 (Part I, Part II, Part II/Add.1 and Part III))
   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/73, A/57/206)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/57/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, Section G, para. 7; A/57/L.52)
3. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/518) . . . . . [74]
4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/519) . . . . . [75]
5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/520) . . . . . [76]

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6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/521) [77]

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/522) . . . . . [78]

8. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/523) . . . . . [79]

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/524) . . . . . [80]

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/525) . . . . . [81 and 19]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/526) [82 and 12]

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/527) . . . . . [83]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/57/528) . . . . . [19]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/57/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, Section G, para. 7; A/57/L.52) . . . . . [19]

Main Committees

Second Committee

10–11 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d)); A/C.2/57/L.33 (item 92); and A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93)

11 a.m. . . . . 43rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [84]

(a) International trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.37 and A/C.2/57/L.76

(b) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.10/Rev.1

(d) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.6 and A/C.2/57/L.77

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [86]

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.15 and A/C.2/57/L.82[1]

3. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields [92]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.33 and A/C.2/57/L.81[1]

4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [93]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.44, A/C.2/57/L.62 and A/C.2/57/L.74 (programme budget implications)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.36 and A/C.2/57/L.80[1]

5. Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [94]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.29 and A/C.2/57/L.84

Morning[2]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.40 (item 87); A/C.2/57/L.43 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.56) (item 87 (c)); A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)); A/C.2/57/L.17 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.57) (item 87 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.35 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.50) (item 90 (b))

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on all outstanding draft proposals

Afternoon[3]–6 p.m. . . . 44th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities . . . . . [84 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.5 and A/C.2/57/L.73 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.78)

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[1] To be issued.

[2] Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Second Committee.

[3] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

2. Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [87]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.40

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.41 and A/C.2/57/L.86

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.38 and A/C.2/57/L.83

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.22 and draft decision A/C.2/57/L.75

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.43 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.56)

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.47

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.17 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.57)

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.20 and A/C.2/57/L.64 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/57/L.79)

3. Operational activities for development . . . . . [88]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.25 and A/C.2/57/L.88, A/C.2/57/L.27 and A/C.2/57/L.85

4. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) . . . . . [89]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.24 and A/C.2/57/L.87

5. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research . . . [90 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.35 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.2/57/L.50

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

Action on document A/C.2/57/L.55

7. Conclusion of the main part of the work of the Second Committee for the fifty-seventh session

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 33rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/57/85, A/57/16 and A/57/636)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: First performance report (A/57/616 and A/57/7/Add.16)); 111 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/57/85, A/57/16 and A/57/636)); and 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/57/23, A/C.5/57/CRP.1 and A/57/7/Add.17))

3 p.m. . . . . 34th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.44: Ensuring effective support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/)[2]

Afternoon[3]–6 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003:

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/57/L.27: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/C.5/57/30 and A/57/7/Add.21)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48: The situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/57/27 and A/57/7/Add.23)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/57/L.20: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/57/28 and A/57/7/Add.20)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1: Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/57/24 and A/57/7/Add.18)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26 and A/57/7/Add.19)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70: Khmer Rouge trials (A/C.5/57/29 and A/57/7/Add.22)

Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152, A/57/152/Corr.1 and A/57/152/Add.1 and A/57/152/Add.1/Corr.1 and A/57/152/Add.2 and A/57/7/Add.13)

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[1] Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

[2] To be issued.

[3] Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.5/57/L.38, A/C.5/57/31, A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.44: Ensuring effective support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/)[1]

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/57/13 and A/C.5/57/13/Corr.1 and A/57/7/Add.12)

[1] To be issued.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

Programme budget implications

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the agenda item entitled "International Year of Rice, 2004" (organized by the delegation of the Philippines)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 21) (organized by the delegation of Denmark, on behalf of the European Union)

3 p.m.–5 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 52 (Strengthening of the United Nations system)

3 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations of interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 52 (Strengthening of the United Nations system), chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul Mejid Hussein (Ethiopia) [Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

5–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission

There will be an informal meeting of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission, dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms), *today*, 11 December 2002, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 11 December 2002

Group of 77 *(Second Committee : draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.15 and A/C.2/57/L.36)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 of the Whole *(on the report of the Secretary-General: strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for change)*

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 5

Latin American and Caribbean States Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting. . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of police contributors

There will be a meeting of police contributors *today*, 11 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Jacques Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, and Mr. Sven Frederiksen, Police Commissioner, United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), will discuss the closing of that Mission. Representatives of all Member States, the European Union and the African Union are requested to participate. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 11 December 2002

Room S-226

12.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Ted Turner, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Nations Foundation, and Mr. Timothy Wirth, President of the United Nations Foundation (on the partnership between the United Nations and the United Nations Foundation)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 12 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 74th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea: report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its third meeting (A/57/80) . . . . . [25]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/57, A/57/57/Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/57/L.48/Rev.1)

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/459)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/57/L.49)

(c) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stock: draft resolution (A/57/L.50)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

3 p.m. . . . . 35th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 42 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft proposal under agenda item 42, chaired by H.E. Mr. Enrique Manalo (Philippines), will be held on Thursday, 12 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12) (organized by the delegation of Pakistan)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12), organized by the delegation of Pakistan, will be held on Friday, 13 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Economic and Social Council

In preparation for the resumed 2002 session (8-24 January 2003), the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 16 December and Tuesday, 17 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and on Wednesday, 18 December 2002, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (13 to 17 January 2003) will take place on Wednesday, 8 January 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2003

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 13 to 17 January 2003 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 10 January 2003.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court will resume its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 7 February and from 21 to 23 April 2003.

Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, non-governmental organizations invited to the Rome Conference, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, or having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose activities are relevant to the activities of the Court and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly may, through their designated representatives, *inter alia,* attend meetings of the Assembly. Accordingly, non-governmental organizations eligible for accreditation may submit directly, or through the Coalition for an International Criminal Court, a written request with the names of their representatives to attend the resumed sessions of the Assembly. These requests should be addressed to Ms. Mona Khalil, Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel (room S-3420B; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430), at the latest by Wednesday, 22 January 2003.

Other meetings

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Briefing and discussion on the work of the Tajikistan Drug Control Agency

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan will hold a briefing and discussion on the work of the Tajikistan Drug Control Agency on Friday, 13 December 2002, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The principal speaker will be General Rustam Nazarov, Director of the Tajikistan Drug Control Agency. For further information contact Ms. Lucie Hrbkova (tel. 1 (212) 963-5634).

Announcements

Final list of Third Committee draft proposals

Copies of the final list of the Third Committee draft proposals are available in room S-2950. The list is also available on the Web site the General Assembly (Third Committee) at the following address: www.un.org/ga/57.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 10 December 2002

Security Council

4660th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict (S/2002/1300)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and to Mr. Angelo Gnaedinger, Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the President of the Security Council.

The Council heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and by the Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Norway, Bulgaria, Mexico, Ireland, Guinea, France, Cameroon, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Singapore, Mauritius, China, the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting a statement was made by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Colombia.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia; the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the EFTA country belonging to the European Economic Area – Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Canada, Chile and Bangladesh.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 10 December 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2002/1346), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Cambodia, Austria, Egypt, Israel, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Argentina and Burkina Faso.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier in the meeting, the Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations.

Mr. Oshima responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

71st plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea: report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its third meeting (A/57/80) . . . . . [25]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/57, A/57/57/Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/57/L.48)

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/459)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/57/L.49)

(c) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stock: draft resolution (A/57/L.50)

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/57/L.48.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolutions A/57/L.49 and A/57/L.50.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Malaysia, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mexico, Viet Nam, Bulgaria, Peru; H.E. Mr. Arni Mathiesen, Minister of Fisheries of Iceland; Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Norway, Ecuador and Madagascar.

72nd plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea: report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its third meeting (A/57/80) . . . . . [25]

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The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 25.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Rio Group), Monaco, Namibia, Ukraine, India, Canada, China, Uruguay, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Argentina, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Republic of Korea and Guyana.

Main Committees

Second Committee

42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development [84 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.4 and A/C.2/57/L.72

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.72, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.4.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.72.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.72, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [86]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.49 and A/C.2/57/L.65

It was announced that Bulgaria, Pakistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined as a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.49.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.65, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.49.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.65.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.65, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.49 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.12 and A/C.2/57/L.68

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.68, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.68.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(c) Culture and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.13 and A/C.2/57/L.63

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.63, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.13.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.63.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [87]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.71

It was announced that Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Israel, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Malta and Mongolia had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.45. Subsequently, Bolivia, Botswana, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.71, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.45.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.71.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.71, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.45 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.21 and A/C.2/57/L.69

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.69, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.21.

The representative of Venezuela orally corrected operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.69.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.69, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.18 and A/C.2/57/L.67

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced and orally corrected operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.67, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.18.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.67.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States and Australia.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.19 and A/C.2/57/L.66

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.66, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.19.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.66.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.66, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.19 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences an summits in the economic and social fields [92]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.28 and A/C.2/57/L.70

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.70, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.28.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.70.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Additional sponsors

The Chairman announced additional sponsors to the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.33 (item 92): Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Chile, Czech Republic, Gabon, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Norway, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)): The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Fifth Committee

32nd meeting — The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 2002/241).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to Regulation No. 36. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of large passenger vehicles with regard to their general construction. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

Amendments to Regulation No. 37. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of filament lamps for use in approved lamp units of power-driven vehicles and of their trailers. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

Amendments to Regulation No. 39. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the speedometer equipment including its installation. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

Amendments to Regulation No. 52. Uniform provisions concerning the construction of small capacity public service vehicles. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

Amendments to Regulation No. 78. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of category L with regard to braking. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

Amendments to Regulation No. 90. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of replacement brake lining assemblies and drum-brake linings for power-driven vehicles and their trailers. 7 December 2002

Adoption of Amendments: (7 December 2002)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Russian Federation (27 November 2002) [1]*

Accession: Tonga (9 December 2002)[1]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Tonga (9 December 2002)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Tonga (9 December 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Tonga (9 December 2002)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Belize (9 December 2002)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Thailand (10 December 2002)[1]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Barbados (10 December 2002)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Barbados (10 December 2002)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Barbados (10 December 2002)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Czech Republic (10 December 2002)

Signature: Latvia (10 December 2002)

Signature: Saudi Arabia (10 December 2002)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Czech Republic (10 December 2002)

Signature: Latvia (10 December 2002)

Signature: Saudi Arabia (10 December 2002)

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 21 December 2001

Approval: France (10 December 2002)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Signature: Portugal (10 December 2002)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Launch of the International Year of Freshwater, 2003

On Thursday, 12 December 2002, the United Nations will mark the launch of the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, with a panel event entitled "The Challenges of Freshwater: A Dialogue" in Conference Room 4. The event will start at 9.45 a.m. with a video related to freshwater. Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, will make opening remarks at 10 a.m. H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov, Foreign Minister of Tajikistan, will then make a statement, followed by the panel dialogue on meeting the freshwater challenges. The panel will feature Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, H.E. Ms. June Clarke (Barbados), Vice-President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Milos Alcalay (Venezuela), Chairman of the Group of 77 (and China), and Mr. Gourisankar Ghosh, Executive Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will moderate the dialogue. A performance of water songs by Pete Seeger and Bob Reid, and the Children's Choir of the United Nations International School will conclude the programme. The entire programme will be Webcast live at www.un.org/webcast. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Department for Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please contact Ms. Marsha Brewster, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-8590); Ms. Isolda Oca, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-8305); or Mr. Thomas Lillge, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709).

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 10 December 2002.

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Second Committee

A/C.2/57/L.63 *Item 86 (c)* – Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: culture and development – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.13 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.64 *Item 87 (f)* – Environment and sustainable development: further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.20 [A C E F R S]

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A/C.2/57/L.67 *Item 87 (e)* – Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.18 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.68 *Item 86 (a)* – Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.69 *Item 87 (b)* – Environment and sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.21 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.70 *Item 92* – Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields – Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.28 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.71 *Item 87 (a)* – Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.45 – United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.72 *Item 84 (e)* – Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.4 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/57/L.73 — *Item 84 (b)* – Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.5 [A C E F R S]

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